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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL SIGN FINAL FRONTIER AGREEMENT

1. BRAZILIAN AND VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO SIGN THIS AFTERNOON (AUGUST 23) FINAL ACCORD ON FRONTIER DEMARCATION. AGREEMENT MARKS END OF BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN IN 1859 (THOUGH SYSTEMATIC EFFORTS DATE ONLY FROM 1940'S). BRAZILIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM WHICH ARRIVED AUGUST 12 FOR THIS FORTIETH MEETING OF MIXED FRONTIER COMMITTEE IS HEADED BY GENERAL ERNESTO BANDEIRA COELHO, WHO WILL SIGN FOR HIS COUNTRY; VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER CALVANI WILL SIGN FOR GOV. ACT MARKS HISTORIC DEMARCATION OF OVER TWO THOUSAND KILOMETERS

OF BORDER BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. IT IS BEING APPROPRIATELY PUBLICIZED HERE, IN PART, WE ASSUME, TO COUNTER ALLEGATIONS BY VENEZUELA'S NEIGHBORS THAT THIS COUNTRY DOES NOT RESOLVE ITS BORDER DISPUTES.

2. INTERESTING CONTRATEMPS APPARENTLY OCCURRED WHEN LOCAL PRESS, QUOTING VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF FRONTIERS, HEADLINED THAT IN 1859 TREATY BRAZIL RECOGNIZED VENEZUELAN SOVER-
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EIGHTY OVER DISPUTED ESSEQUIBO TERRITORY IN GUYANA. GENERAL

BANDEIRA COELHO BENTLY BUT FIRMLY LABELED THESE STORIES "AN
EXAGGERATION" AND "A CONCEPT WHICH DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO A CORRECT
INTERPRETATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES". IN OTHER WORDS, NOT SO.
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